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Editorial

A DREAM COMES TRUE

The 1948 horse show, set for June 26 and 27, now being planned by your committee in conjunction with directors and members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association, bears promise of being an outstanding occasion.

As the first affair to formally inaugurate the recently dedicated horsemen's arena, in Joaquin Miller park, the show means to members of our association, and to horse lovers throughout the area, a dream come true.

While many of our members worked tirelessly to promote the new arena, a great deal of credit must go to the city fathers of Oakland, working through the park department, and to William N. Mott, Jr., supervisor of the park system, for the part each has played in the project. As we all know, major purpose of such an arena is to encourage and promote interest among horsemen and exhibitors, enabling them to work in harmonious cooperation, and to effect a better understanding and appreciation of interested spectators.

Scheduled as a ribbon and trophy show, there will be one performance each day. Saturday's show, starting at 1:30 p. m., will be for the juniors, exclusively, and the senior show will be held Sunday at the same hour. Both shows will be limited to amateurs and will be open to anyone wishing to participate.

Highlighting each day's performance will be exhibitions, trick riding, roping and 11 classifications. With local interest already running high, it is expected that many horses that have won championships will be entered, while others will make their initial appearance in a show ring which we most assuredly want to encourage.

We feel sure that it will be welcome news that the Metropolitan Horsemen's association is making a return to the horse show world, for well we recall the disappointment of last year when we were rained out on two different occasions.

Despite the fact that elaborate plans, calling for permanent bleachers, barns, paddocks and a clubhouse, are still in the embryonic stage, we feel that it will be possible to stage a colorful show, full of thrills and excitement. Temporary bleachers will be erected and there will be ample provisions for parking.

Few locations throughout our entire country offer the God-made beauty that we here in the Bay area accept so casually. Where else would one find a more perfect setting, with a natural amphitheater flanked by towering pines and cypress trees, and with the Golden Gate bridge, in all of its majesty, as the background? To me, it seems a virtual horsemen's paradise.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 9

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Woodminster clubhouse

M.H.A. MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND DINNER DANCE

Announcement is made of a dinner-dance and meeting sponsored by the California State association board, to be held June 26 at Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. Members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association are urged to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Ray Stone, Juniper 7-7993 or by calling your secretary, Mary Gale. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m., followed by dancing. Tickets are \$4.00 for the evening, with those wishing to come for dancing only, starting at 9 p. m. to be charged \$1.00 each.

SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

There are some good invitations from other associations to participate in coming horse shows. First is from Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce for M.H.A. to join the fun, Saturday, June 19th. There will be a colorful parade. Awards will be given for best mounted units, floats, etc.

Sunday, June 13th the Santa Cruz Horsemen's association is holding its fourth annual Horse Show at the De Laveage show grounds.

July 3-4-5 the tenth annual Napa County Fair and Horse Show will be held in Calistoga. M.H.A. is invited to send parade units to compete in the parade.

Should any of the groups desire more information contact the secretary, or should you want entry blanks for the coming shows a postal card to the secretary will do the trick.

Last month a notice was printed on the TRAIL BLAZER to the effect that if the Blazer was not delivered that a card giving information would be sent from the Post Office. Many cards have come back with the information that the person had moved to another address and in such cases the addresses have been corrected. However, there are many cases where no address was left for forwarding. As far as possible all changes have been noted and corrected and further checking revealed that the Post Office failed to deliver the Blazer. Please help keep the list up-to-date by sending in your changes. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

June 6—Contra Costa Horsemen's Children's Show, Walnut Creek; Shongehon Junior Horse Show, Cressmount, Oakland; Arlington Hills Riding Club Horse Show, El Cerrito; Santa Clara County Horsemen's Horse Show, San Jose. June 12-13—Livermore Rodeo, Livermore. June 13—Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Horse Show, Santa Cruz; Specialty Horse Show, Miss Graham's Redwood Riding Stable, Oakland. June 17-20—Salinas Rodeo, Horse Fair and Stock Show, Salinas. June 19—Night—Modesto Horse Show, Modesto. June 20—Novato Horsemen's Horse Show, Novato. June 26-27—Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Horse Show, Oakland.

EDITORIAL (Continued)

The days of "wishful thinking" are behind us. We must continue to build for the future and our first task is to work together to make the coming show one of the greatest spectacles of the year, and one that will set a precedent for future M.H.A. shows. Our major objective from now on is in developing our new arena into one that will be second to none in the country. Each and every member of the association has a definite part to play in our progress.

You can do your part by saving the date and planning to be present for both of the coming shows. Don't forget the dates—June 26 and 27.

Don Marquis
Horse Show chairman.

NEW EDITOR TAKES OVER

With this issue, Mrs. Clayton H. (Edna) Collins takes over the duties of managing editor of the TRAIL BLAZER. I am sure each member of our organization joins me in wishing her unbounded success.

Edna Collins has had 17 years' journalistic experience in the Midwest. She attended Southern Seminary in Virginia where riding was a must, so speaks our "horsemen's language," and she is an all 'round swell person to boot. The M.H.A. is fortunate to have found her.

You'll find Mrs. Collins' address and telephone number in the masthead on page 3. TRAIL BLAZER reporters are asked to continue sending stable news and club news to Elizabeth Frampton. All other copy should be mailed to Mrs. Collins.

In case you haven't heard, via the grapevine, Mr. Paul and I are going to stay right here in Oakland after all. Transfer plans were changed at the last minute, and I feel just like a condemned prisoner who won a reprieve (but don't tell Mr. Western Union).

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation in the past. I'll be seeing you on the trails.
Blanche Paul.

Lloyd Mulford

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Miss Elena Lagorio Feted At Testimonial Dinner

A dinner honoring Elena Lagorio was held in conjunction with the May meeting of M.H.A. Board of Directors at Hotel Claremont May 6.

The business session was called to order by Don Marquis, acting chairman in James Myers' absence. Mr. Marquis told the directors and guests of Miss Lagorio's fine work as editor of the Trail Blazer for five years and on behalf of the directors and the association presented her with a gold stock pin in appreciation of her fine work. Mr. Marquis pointed out that the success of the Trail Blazer today is due to Miss Lagorio's fine direction and capable handling of the job as editor. In her speech of acceptance, Miss Lagorio told of the early days of the Blazer as a small mimeographed sheet which was printed in the Lagorio basement with the help of the Lagorio assembly-line, how it then went into a printed bulletin which we have today.

Mr. Marquis introduced the guests of the evening who had worked with Miss Lagorio on the Trail Blazer; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murray, Mr. Vickroy linotypist for the magazine. Much credit is due Mr. Vickroy for his help in the make-up of the magazine. Mr. Marquis reported that Fred E. Anderson, George Daniels and Jean Finney who have worked on the Blazer were unable to be present.

Mrs. Paul informed the directors that she desired to let her resignation from the board of directors stand as she has many duties at home and did not feel that she would be able to devote time to the Blazer work. Her resignation was accepted with regrets. Mr. Marquis gave Mrs. Paul a vote of thanks.

Roll call revealed that five directors were absent: Mr. Brown and Mr. Logue due to business, Mr. Myers due to illness, Mr. Dreyer still traveling and no word from Mr. Fefley. Mr. Marquis brought up the question of Mr. Fefley's absence from meetings with no word from him. Mr. Murray offered to approach Mr. Fefley on the matter of attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial report by Mary Gale showed balance in the general fund as of April 30, 1948 to be \$1,064.64, of which \$243.16 is in the Trail Blazer Special Account; \$50.25 in Trail Fund leaving \$753.23 in General Fund.

Reports from the various committee chairmen included:

ACTIVITIES—Art Palmer reported that plans for the Trail Ride and Field Day on May 16 are completed and that only 1948 members will be eligible.

TRAIL BLAZER—Advertising Manager Don Schwimley reported that he had obtained the services of Mrs. Edna Collins as

editor who will work with the staff on the next two issues to find out if she will like it and vice versa. Mr. Schwimley told of Mrs. Collins' fine qualifications as a writer and editor and assured the board that the Blazer would be in good hands. Mr. Marquis offered to supply Mrs. Collins with a typewriter. Mr. Schwimley reported that he had all the ads necessary to maintain the Blazer.

Mrs. Paul moved that if Mrs. Collins was willing to take over the editorship of the Blazer and everything worked out satisfactorily that she be compensated for her time, motion passed and will be discussed more fully at the next meeting of the directors.

Business Manager—Bill Pray—reported that the May issue of the Blazer cost \$242.33 as it was a 20 page issue and had 1,000 copies printed, this taken from the previous balance left 83 cents in the Trail Blazer account. Mr. Pray reported that the May issue netted \$264.90 and that Accounts Receivable were \$502.45 including 1947 balance of \$115.66, first quarter balance of \$93.88 and April and May billing of \$292.91. Mr. Pray reported that there are two cases where he will be unable to collect.

TRAILS—A. B. Graham reported that the trails were bad due to rains but it would

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BOARD MEETING (Continued)

not take much to repair them. Mr. Mott stated that when the Arena is completed that the trails in Regional Park will be repaired. Mr. Graham reminded the Council that this is election year and to get M.H.A. behind them by helping with the trail program would help them politically.

MEMBERSHIP—Mary Gale reported in Mr. Brown's absence, during the period since April 7th to May 6th there were 50 renewals, 40 new members and 29 Juniors, a total of 119 additions to go on the membership roster of the June issue of the Blazer with a total of 629 members to date.

S.P.C.A.—John Corvi reported a membership drive was on to get members but the response had been poor.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES—Chris Hansen reported the first meeting of the Juniors and their election of officers along with ideas for activities and raising money. To date two rides have been held with a good turnout each time.

HORSE SHOW—Don Marquis told of the work at the arena which will be an outstanding feature of the Park. Mr. Marquis pointed out that there will be no way of controlling the gate but that bleachers will be supplied M.H.A. as Mr. Mott is getting \$15,000 extra for bleachers and sanitary fixtures. Mr. Schwimley made the motion that interested outsiders be allowed to compete in the horse show, motion passed.

Correspondence and invitations included the Contra Costa Horsemen's Ass'n children's show, June 6th. Entry blanks are being sent to all MHA Juniors. A letter from Castro Valley H.A. was read asking that M.H.A. solicit endorsement of the following resolution: "That all classes in Junior Competition for State Championships to be chosen at the State Convention to be divided into two age groups, 7 to 12 and 13 to 17, instead of small to 17." Secretary instructed to write letter of endorsement to Don Nicholson.

Other guests for the occasion were: Mesdames Graham, Chris Hansen, Irvin Hansen, Pray, Schwimley, Mr. Paul and Miss Chute.

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Membership News

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Robert Marshall, former resident of Los Angeles, has been residing in Oakland about four months. An interior decorator in Oakland, Bob owns a lovely black Morgan mare named Sissie.

Tedda Beyler, is a familiar figure in the local horse shows on her good jumper, Bobby Sox. Ted also owns a nice green jumper, What-A-Storm, which will be shown this season.

Edward C. Tolman stables his bay gelding at the Pinto Ranch. Mr. Tolman is very much interested in the Association and its activities although he says he doesn't have much leisure time.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wallace ride from Western Stables. Mr. Wallace has a commercial photography studio and is specializing in horses.

Word comes from **Byron E. Schmidt**, of Alameda, that he has moved his horse and colt, Inky and Wac from Big Bear Stables to the Sonoma Valley. When Wac is two years he will be brought back to town.

Jean Williams, one of our newest members, is secretary for a coffee importer in San Francisco. Week-ends Betty rides in the Oakland hills or in Golden Gate Park. Incidentally Betty learned to ride flat saddle but likes Western much better. Betty plans to spend her vacation in Yosemite Park riding, dancing and enjoying herself in general.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors and the horse show committee will be held Thursday, June 3 at Don Marquis' Dodge agency, 6242 College Ave., Oakland. The meeting will get underway at 8 p. m.

OPEN FORUM

Final plans for the coming horse show will be made at a meeting of directors, and association members to be held June 9 at the Joaquin Miller clubhouse. Ted Drier, president, urgently requests a large attendance. Bumper strips and placards will be distributed at this time.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

(May Additions: This list includes memberships up to and including May 18th. *Indicates Trail Donation)

RENEWALS

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson	*Beryl Johnstone
Louis Barrious	David C. Jones
David Bergsmann	Janice Kenyon
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Emmett Boger	Pearl Leatham
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NEW MEMBERS

Carl M. Chambon	George O'Brien
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JUNIORS

Lois Bassalo	Adrian Jund
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Ted Brennan	Charlotte Lynn
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Combined Trail Ride & Field Day Proves Huge Success

Approximately 230 riders gathered at Portuguese Flat Sunday morning, May 10, and from the time that Martin Murray led that long procession of horses out of the Flat until the last event of the Field Day program was run off under the direction of Ray Theobald at the "Old Race Track," the day was a huge success.

The combined trail ride and field day was held under chairmanship of George Daniels, appointed by the Activities chairman, Art Palmer.

The ride took in the Sunset and French Trails and lasted over two hours, plenty long enough to whet appetites for the sumptuous barbecue lunch served through the generosity of George Daniels without cost to members.

Ribbons awarded riders in four divisions based on trail mount performance, riding ability, and equipment, follow: English riders (adult) division: Blanche Paul, first; Tedda Beyler, second; Lila Ray, third; Bea McKechnie, fourth; Don Marquis, fifth; Elsie Mesquita, sixth; Elizabeth Frampton, seventh; and Armetta Maxwell, eighth.

Western riders (adult) division: Art Palmer, first; Judy White, second; Earl Nan-ninga, third; Jerry Hansen, fourth; Margaret Rukavina, fifth; Sylvia King, sixth; Jane Lake, seventh; and Pete Little, eighth.

Juniors Participate

Among the Junior members, the winners riding flat saddles were: Win Smith, first; Patsy Nuttall, second; Corine Smith, third; and Pat Brandes, fourth. Junior winners riding Western saddles were: Marg. Rugh, first; Pat Rukavina, second; Joan Eppse, third; and Martin Skov, fourth. Mary Lou Hatton acted as judge in the English division, and Bev Theobald picked the winners in the Western division.

Yellow tickets were handed riders when they registered with instructions that the tickets were to be placed in the seat of the

saddle. There were 37 riders with tickets between seat and saddle when they dismounted at the end of the ride. Included were Barbara Albert, Don Bjornson, E. W. Bradley, Archie Brown, Opal Brown, Alicia Coffey, Clement Cole, Merrit Cowell, B. J. Feliz, Elizabeth Frampton, Edw. Gallagher, Gus Himmelman, Russ Ivy, Beryl Johnstone, Sylvia King, Harold Knudsen, Johnny Langfield, Evelyn Leydecker, Cynthia Nordquist, Don Marquis, Wm. Morgan, Jim Myers, Esther Norris, Lois O'Donnell, Art Palmer, Fred Pettigrove, Nance Ponten, Edith Roberts, Pat Rukavina, George Siefert, Corine Smith, Ivan Studley, Ray Theobald, Bev. Theobald, Joe West, and Nancy York.

Field Day Winners

Field Day winners were:

Men's race: George Turner, first; Wm. Morgan, second, and E. M. Bradley, third. Musical Chairs class for children, won by Martin Skov. Tiny Black won a similar class for adults.

Flat Saddle Race, Carolyn Blanch, first, Cornelia Cress, second; Bareback wrestling class for girls, Sandra Logue, first; Carolyn Blanch, second. In a similar class for men: Wm. Morgan, first; Jerry Hansen, second.

English Hurdles class: J. W. Smith, first; Sandra Logue, second; and Joyce Moore, third. Sandra Logue won the barrel roping event. Children's Boot race: Carolyn Blanch, first; Bonnie Christie, second; and Corine Smith, third. In the Children's Egg and Spoon race: Bartie Bates, first; Joyce Moore, second; and Phoebe Brown, third.

More Winners

Broom Polo class: Bonnie Christie, Carolyn Krickau, Joan Kay, Sandra Logue, and Barbara Albert. Women's Race: Bonnie Christie, first; Evelyn Leydecker, second; Carolyn Blanch, third. Last event, men vs. women: Wm. Morgan, first; Dave Wheeler, second; Joyce Adamson, third.

Members on the committee, besides those already named, included: Pete Little, Heber James Brown, May Murray, Wes Adams, Betty Chute, Bill Eppse, Kay Walling, Ethel Dahl, Keith Nichols, Vin Kilbride, Elsie Mesquita, Leonard Lansborough, Don Schwimley, Cotton Feliz, Tom and Jerry Hansen, Willis Boone, Jean Williams, and Tim Cole.

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MHA Horse Show Set for June 26-27

With interest running high and committees hard at work on final details, plans are virtually complete for the 1948 Metropolitan Horsemen's association show scheduled for June 26 and 27.

According to Don Marquis, horse show chairman, the M.H.A. might well be said to believe in the old adage about trying again and again, for the weather man came out the winner on two different occasions last year when a similar show was rained out.

By way of dedicating the new arena, in Joaquin Miller park, the coming show bears promise of setting the stage for greater and better shows for the future. Assisting the chairman is an executive committee consisting of Ted Drier, president of the association, Jim Myers, and Howard Robinson. Ray Theobald will serve as announcer, with George Walling as ringmaster and Mrs. Kay Walling as ring clerk. Judges will be announced later.

Ribbon and Trophy Show

Announced as a ribbon and trophy show, plans call for two performances, one each day. Limited strictly to amateurs, the show will be open to anyone wishing to enter.

An innovation this year will be the show on Saturday which will be for junior participation only.

"The junior rider of today will be our horse show exhibitor, judge and director tomorrow," said Mr. Marquis as he listed a well rounded program of classifications for the younger set.

These include (1) Children's jumpers, open; (2) Children's equitation, English and Western; (3) Children's pleasure horses; (4) Children's stock horses; (5) musical chairs, in two sections; (6) Children's pairs' classes; (7) English and western, combined, each to be judged separately; (8) Children's bareback to be judged for horsemanship, walking, trotting, cantering, mounting and dismounting; (9) Children's trail class, English and Western combined; (10) Egg race, and (11) Stake race. Four trophies will be awarded in each class and each participant will be given a ribbon.

Adults To Show Sunday

Sunday's show will be devoted entirely to adults with the various classes interspersed with outstanding attractions. These include trick riding, roping, polo ponies, etc.

Classes listed include, for the Western, (1) Western trail horses; (2) Western pinto and palomino; (3) Stock horses; (4) Parade horses; (5) Family class and (6) Matched pairs. The family class is planned as an alternate class and will be open to both English and Western riders. Classes for the English riders follow: (1) English trail class; (2) English pleasure class; (3) Hunters; (4)

Jumpers; (5) Matched pairs.

Highlighting each day's program will be a special award to be known as the Show Champion in Reserve, with accumulative high scores determining the winner.

Plans have been completed for a parade through the downtown section approximately a week before the show with the Shrine Rangers, the Lariettes and the Alameda sheriff's posse among those participating.

Performances both days will start at 1:30 p. m.

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This show will be a recognized show following AHSA rules so that winners will be eligible to compete in their respective classes at the state's Blue Ribbon Show to be held this October at Santa Rosa.

In some events this year entries will be limited. Entry blanks for the 1948 show can be obtained from Leah Brown, Secretary, Rt. 3, Box 1879, Lafayette.

Beg Your Pardon, and we don't mean one of the numbers on the Hit Parade. We're merely offering an apology to the Piedmont Stables for leaving their ad out of the May issue. Inadvertently omitted, the advertisement will be found this month as usual.

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The Rangers made a fine appearance at the Napa Valley Horsemen's association show at Napa, Sunday, April 25. Six of the Rangers opened the show with presentation of the colors, featuring new, short and fast maneuvers during which each Ranger carried an American flag. Later the entire unit returned to do its regular and spectacular precision drill. Both performances were led by Captain Fred L. Bemis . . . Jerry Jacobs is the owner of a handsome new bay and white gelding . . . Lucille Simons purchased a black and white mare . . . The drill team is preparing for three days of festivities at Willows . . . The Rancho clubrooms are in the process of being redecorated and the grounds are also being given "the new look."

AT THE NEVES STABLE

Once again there are new horses boarding at the Neves Stable. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have two grand trail horses. Mr. Hubbard owns King, a palomino stallion, while Mrs. Hubbard has a recently purchased bay gelding named Dickie. Mr. Cowell has brought his palomino, "Dapple" in from pasture, where Dapple has been recovering from a foot injury.

Florence Neves has a new little gelding named Dusty. Rhythm Juanita, Bea Mckechnie's registered saddlebred mare has just returned from Fresno. She is now in foal to Dr. Sheridan's outstanding stallion, Thames Golden Genius, son of the great King's Genius by Bourbon King.

Barbara Campbell's thoroughbred mare Black Velvet made a fine showing at Napa in the Trail horse class.

AT THE OAKLAND STABLE

The Oakland Stable is fortunate in having its own private weather man, in the person of globe trotting Gordon Gadberg. Following his weekly hops to Honolulu he is able to bring back advance reports on the weather.

All of Bobbie DeVelbiss' riding friends are pulling for a quick recovery from the recent auto accident which seriously injured Bobbie and her friend, Jane Greenwood.

Friends of Eivand Wegner will be interested to know he is enjoying his stay on Guam, although horseback riding is not one of the predominant sports there.

The Oakland is interested in organizing a jumping hour each Sunday morning, open to all. Anyone interested may contact the Oakland Riding Stable.

EL RANCHO BONITA RIDERS

To the Rancho Bonita Riders, the most exciting event of this month was the finding of Chabot.

Chabot is a little fawn, which was found in Dark Canyon. He was rescued from a dog by some kindly surveyors, and brought to the barn as he was only a day or two old.

Buck Kyle has been taking excellent care of him. This little fawn, which Kenneth Bemis named Chabot, is very friendly and is the pride and joy of all the riders from the Rancho Bonita.

Irma Fay Brown, Art Palmer and Millie Goldt are all limping around, having sustained foot injuries of one kind or another. Art is the only one hurt by a horse. He was stepped on by Soapy, his palomino gelding. Brownie and Millie proved that the home is the most dangerous place on earth.

Janie Kerrigan is riding again after having her appendix removed, while Pearl Palmer was out riding the other day for the first time since the arrival of little Linda Marie.

The 49'er dance held on April 24 was a huge success and was enjoyed by all the "miners" and their friends.

Nancy York and Boots Ingram visited Bonita the other Sunday. Boots spends most of his time in Northern California where he is employed by the Telephone company. Nancy rides over on her palomino every now and then. She keeps her horse near Sheffield Village.

Rancho Bonita Riders want to take this opportunity to tell "Ma" Studley how much they appreciate her. She is always around with a cheerful word and a willing hand to help in all of the activities.

WITH THE LARI-ETTES

Donned in their colorful western parade outfits, the Lari-ettes were hostesses at their May Day dance, held at Big Bear Tavern, April 28.

Among the guests dancing to the lively tunes, played by Johnnie Gregory and his Five Cow Pokes, were Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson, Lafayette, the former being vice president of Region number 5; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clarke, Cliff is president of the Castro Valley Riding Group. Also present were Vonnie Hernandez, of San Jose, with her friends, of Livermore.

Other riding groups were the Boots and Jeans, the Contra Costa Gang, and the Cactus Riding Club.

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gies to the minors who were not admitted to the dance, because of strict tavern laws.

Carmel Himmelman took second in the Trail class, at the Napa Horse Show in April, and Margaret Rukavina took second in the Trail Class at the Sonoma Horse Show May 2. Norma Burton won third in the Palomino Class riding Jack Toprizopher's Golden Cloud.

Alice Merritt has just joined the Lariettes.

Charles Hall is now drilling the Lariettes.

BOOTS AND JEANS

The Boots and Jeans club held its May business meeting at President Harold Cummings home May 5th. All members were present.

Plans for the May 19 party at Sequoia Bowl were discussed. It was decided to hold an outside steak barbecue, with games, music and dancing.

Lefty Bowers has appointed Virgil Pfeiffer, Dutch Cummings and Virgi McClellan to assist with the drilling of the parade group.

Many of the club members spend each Tuesday night dancing at Big Bear Tavern.

LEONA RIDERS

The Leona Riders' breakfast took place at Archie Brown's Canyon Ranch on May 2. Fifty members attended, after which 35 of them mounted their horses and rode off in the hills.

May 8 a pot luck supper and meeting was held at Sequoia lodge. Plans were discussed for the new ring being made near the Wishing Well below Portuguese Flat. An amateur horse show will be held June 20. It is closed to members of the Leona Riders.

Charles and Maisie Broadus, and Jack and Isabel Pfeiffer are new members.

AT THE PRIVATE STABLES

Andrew (Bruddy) Scott of Whitmore, visited the Cerros Estrellados Ranch recently and worked with half Arab colts, Taj and Amber, owned by Esther Norris.

With only a little previous work on gentling the colts, Brudy had them reined, halting on command, and ridden without bridles, all in one week. Both the colts are sired by Jack Tann's Arabian stallion Rahajah.

Thanks to Bruddy, Alicia Coffey can again ride her mount Babe.

A new private stable has been added to the list. It is the B-H ranch in Rifle Lane, owned by the recently married Russell and Meredith Burgess.

Quartered there are the prize winning palomino mare, Star Dust now in foal to the Arabian stallion, Caraven of the Jedel Arabian Horse Ranch at Richmond. Rainbow, the pinto gelding, and Pepper, a pinto pony. Pepper belongs to Harlene Hiller, Meredith's sister.

First ribbon of this year was won by Barton Heller, riding Rainbow in the Junior trail class at the Sonoma show, where he was awarded the blue in a large class.

AT THE BIG BEAR STABLES

Byron Schmidt has moved his grey mare and colt from the Big Bear stables to Santa Rosa, where they will be pastured for the summer . . . George Floyd has been ill for some time, but is up and at it again . . . Joe West is now boarding his two pintos, Wick and Baby Wick at The Bear Stables . . . Rae Low is exercising Dare Bergman's bay, Rip, for him . . . Slim Gilmore is making nice progress with the colts he is breaking for George.

RED GATES OF RIFLE LANE

For the past few weeks Red Gates has had a guest. He is the personable little palomino stallion, Golden Cloud, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Topritzhofer.

O'Malley was entered at the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association show, but like Ferdinande, the bull, he longed to smell the flowers in the neighbor's yard, so he jumped the fence to satisfy his love of the fragrant blooms. This resulted in a sprained fetlock, so O'Malley stayed home with the rest of the Red Gates horses.

This month will see the entire Burton string at the Sonoma Riding and Driving Club show at Santa Rosa. They will also participate in the Sacramento Riding Club Show.

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AT CRESSMOUNT

BIT & SPUR HORSE SHOW RESULTS

The Bit & Spur horse show held at Cressmount April 17, marked the 10th anniversary of the club. Proceeds were turned over to the roofing project for the umbrella ring.

Judge for the show was Col. Fenton F. Jacobs, former instructor of riding in New Orleans. Paddock clerk, Win Johnson, kept the show moving at a snappy pace.

During intermission the audience was entertained by the Remounts giving a Virginia reel complete with "calls" and costumes. Other members of Remounts served refreshments to the audience from decorated pushcarts.

Following the show Miss Cress held a supper party at her home for Bit & Spur, Remounts, officials of the show and friends.

Results of the show were: Championship Equitation, Barbara Ashworth and Reserve Championship to Linda Hamilton. The Bit & Spur had four phases to be passed. They were examination on parts of the horse, practical phase, jump-off and equitation. Marie Macrae won the championship and Robin Norton was awarded reserve championship. Jumper class—Mary Lou Hutton on Rum Punch, Ladies' Hunter—Pat Brandes on Co-ed, Teams of Four—Subalterns, Double Bareback—Linda Hamilton and Lenore Rosenfeld. The lighter side of the show was the Ladies' Equitation won by Tom Hansen as the "Timid Soul." The fire drill put on by the Remounts, junior division of Bit & Spur, was won by Sue Drake and Sally Mills with the assistance of Kyack.

Show Tandem

One of the highlights of the show was a Tandem exhibition by Mary Lou Hutton riding Duffle Bag and driving Peter Patch. The horses went over a jump, performed the figure eight and other intricate maneuvers which called for skilled handling on the part of the rider.

Bit & Spur members put on an excellent drill with new figures and done at the gallop.

One of the surprises of the Bit & Spur Show was when Pegasus Patrol Team of Four won in a mighty contest with their senior riders, Bit & Spur, Crop & Saddle, Shongehon and Subalterns. The explanation of the victory was due to a traffic jam before the class when the Patrollers deftly circled out and avoided a head on collision with Bit & Spur team. Miss Cress, who was drilling the class, complimented the alertness of the Patrollers by remarking that "they used their heads." Not expecting a word of praise from that source they have a negative interpretation to the remark and rode with furious intent. Later, they agreed, it was fortunate as otherwise they might not have ridden to second place.

ELECT OFFICERS

Bit & Spur held an election of officers for the Fall semester. New officers are: President—Lenore Rosenfeld, Secretary—Carol Parker and Treasurer—Peg Krogness.

Three former Cressmounters attending Davis College of Agriculture participated in Picnic Day Horse Show and come through with honors. They were Evelyn Kinley, Nancy Danielson riding her lovely chestnut

hunter Sir John Edwin, and Deborah Tibbits.

CRESSMOUNT CHASE

With the confusion of "off and on over-heads spigots" the monthly ride of Cressmount Chase was held Sunday, May 2, on the Mills Campus.

The day was ideal for a vigorous run through Mills Forest, which started with "Gone Away" then "Hold Hard" and evidence of a "Cropper"—then another when two horses charged up the field ahead of their riders! Riders enjoyed a thrilling ride on the field then later talked it over at Don & Ann's. Riders were: Bud Bahnsen, Coline Chilson, Cornelia Cress, Jerry Jansen, Mary Lou Hutton, Win Johnson, Lorraine Lacerda, Bob McCarty, Willis Nuttall, James Ormond, Windy Smith, Phyllis and John Theill.

UPSON DOWNS GYMKHANA

Wednesday evening, May 12 at 8:30 Upson Downs held its monthly gymkhana in the Umbrella ring. The show was designed to be fun for both riders and audience with the proceeds going to the "Umbrella fund." Judges for the evening were J. Windrim Smith and T. H. Fairchild, Ring Clerk—Mrs. Lorraine Harris, Announcer—Lenore Rosenfeld, Ribbon Clerk, Margaret Johnson, Pad-dock Clerk—Eliz Schohr.

First event was Teams of Four which was won by Bob McCarty, Phyllis Theill, James Ormond and Win Johnson riding El Toro, Indian, Timber and Trinity Tim.

Second event "He Leadeth Me" was designed to confuse the participants. This started with the ladies racing to the opposite side of the ring for a rope and a sack race coming back, the rope was then put round the horse's neck and given to the partner mounted on the lead horse. The lady then mounted her horse tied the reins and from then on was at the mercy of her partner. The couples rode at walk, trot and canter during which maneuver the lady's arms were folded even when going over a jump. This was won by Mary Lou Hutton and Jerry Hansen mounted on Small Timber

and Indian.

During intermission food was served to the audience by Mrs. La Barthe and Mrs. Fairchild.

Jumpers was won by Bob McCarty riding Indian, 2—Jerry Hansen on Big Rock, 3—Bud Bahnsen on Strong Bow and 4—John Theill on Adobe.

Battle Royal was a bareback wrestling match between eight riders—this was won by Tom Hansen on Small Timber, 2—Jerry Hansen on Adobe, 3—Don Schwimley on Ales and 4—Bud Bahnsen on Strong Bow.

Ladies First or Last was Musical Kegs, double bareback—won by Don Schwimley and Phyllis Theill riding Indian—Willis Nuttall and Mary Gale, riding Chocolate Soldier, came in second. Feature of this act was the nimble mounting of the winners and the precision mounting act by Willis Nuttall and Mary Gale.



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Junior Activities

INTRODUCING JUNIOR MEMBERS

Mary Bache, rides at Cressmount every Saturday morning. Mary's favorite mount is Adobe. Mary attends Havens school in Piedmont.

Carol Ann De Meo attends El Cerrito Junior High and is active in Girl Scout activities. Carol stables her horse, "Barbara" at the Pinto Ranch and rides in Redwood Park.

Gail Meyer stables her brown Morgan mare near the Pinto Ranch. Gail rides the trails through the park every Saturday and Sunday.

Harry S. Chandler, attends Emerson School in Berkeley. Harry rides his mother's horse which is stabled at Don Evans. Harry attends Don Evans' Clinic on horses and wants to learn all he can about them.

Nancy James, is another Cressmounter who rides on Saturday mornings. Nancy has her own horse, Forever, Auburn, which is at present in Santa Rosa but she hopes to bring him to Oakland. Nancy is working hard at her riding and aspires to take jumping lessons.

Ann Husar, reporter for the Junior staff, rides at Cressmount every Saturday. Ann recently moved to San Lorenzo where she will report for Castro Valley Riding Academy.

Alice Dewey rides with Pegasus Patrol at Cressmount. Alice's favorite mount is Killarney. A seventh grade pupil at Anna Head's school Alice goes in for outdoor sports.

Phyllis Turner's ambition is to have her own horse. Phyllis rides with Pegasus Patrol and participates in their activities.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 29 the M.H.A. Juniors held their second meeting at Don's and Ann's. A discussion was held on the club emblem and plans made for summer rides.

Classification lists and entry blanks to the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association Junior Show to be held on June 6 were sent out to all M.H.A. Juniors. It is hoped that M.H.A. Juniors will compete with their enighbors.

SALLY ALLEN BUYS LADY WESTON

Sally Allen's parents are planning to move to Walnut Creek some time this summer. Sally recently bought Elsie Mesquita's thoroughbred mare, Lady Weston. The mare will be kept at the Logue ranch until the Allen's country place is completed.

PEGASUS PATROL

Pegasus Patrol group of four won second place in the Bit & Spur Show. Members of the team were: Barty Bates, Linda Lormier, Windy Smith and Connie Reim.

Wilda Rosendahl, Trail Blazer reporter for Pegasus Patrol, is on the job and gets her news in ahead of time.

SHONGEHON

Guests of honor at the Shongehon Junior Horse Show to be held on Sunday, June 6, at Cressmount will be a group of children from the De Fremery Children's Home, and veterans from Oak Knoll.

Committee heads for the show are: Trophies — Pat Brandes, Tickets — Sue Allen, Boxes — Joyce Williamson and Publicity — Beverly Cron.

Features of the program will be a thrilling Point-To-Point over the Upson Downs Course, a Tri-Way event comprised of three phases, the first of which will be the cross-country phase, a practical phase to be held before the show and ring jumping. Scarlet-coated Shongehon riders will present their new drill.

Concessions chairmen are: Don Schumacher of Pegasus Patrol in charge of ice-cream, Casey Elliott of Shongehon in charge of Coca-Cola and Sheila Derieg of Subalterns in charge of doughnuts. Proceeds from the concessions will go into the "Umbrella Fund."

Groups participating in the Junior Show are Shongehon, Subalterns and Pegasus Patrol. During the show club pins will be presented to members of these groups.

LIST NEW MEMBERS

May 29 five new members were initiated into the ranks of Shongehon. Members brought sleeping bags, spent Friday night in the Umbrella ring. Saturday morning Patsy Nuttal, Casey Elliott, Joyce Williamson, Bea Sweet and Dorothy Gross were put through grueling initiation rites after which they were full fledged members of Shongehon. The May meeting was held at the home of Casey Elliott followed by a supper.

If Beverly Cron succeeds in selling tickets to the Junior Show the way she does M.H.A. memberships she will undoubtedly win the perpetual trophy for selling the most tickets to the Show.

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SUBALTERNs

Practice and patience were rewarded when the Subaltern Team of Four won first place at the Bit & Spur Show. The members of the winning "Four" were: Vandra Rosendahl, Happy Clements, Carol De Vilbiss and Sheila Derieg.

Sheila Derieg, reporter for Subalterns, has been doing a dandy job of reporting as well as working for 100% membership of Subalterns in M.H.A. This new group is active in Cressmount activities and has its representatives at the M.H.A. Junior Meetings.

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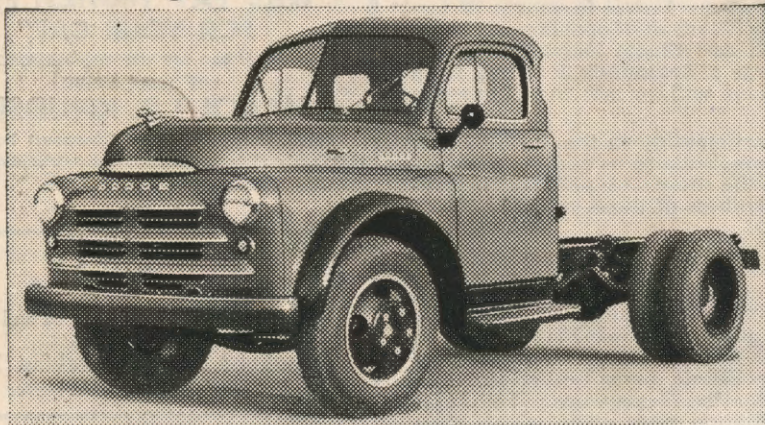
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